



Friday 24 March 2017

## PA Chocolate Event

As part of our events programme for the year, Philip Stas, chocolatier, gave a superb presentation on all things to do with chocolate on Thursday evening. The audience blind tasted and rated twelve different types of chocolate from high street brands to gourmet blends and were also shown how to temper chocolate and make Easter eggs and Florentines. Well done to Mrs Michaelson-Yeates & Mrs Tipp who both won beautiful eggs and to Mrs Cook who organised the event. A donation of £120 will be made to Hospice in the Weald from the proceeds of the evening.



## Countrywide Falconry

Reception had a fantastic afternoon when Randal Carey from Countrywide Falconry came to visit the school with his Birds of Prey. They took turns to handle the owls and learnt lots of facts about them. An amazing experience.



Reception have also been busy making special cards and sewing hearts for their mummies for Mother's Day.

## Maths Feast

Last Thursday four Year 10 students travelled to Robertsbridge Community College to join teams from several local schools taking part in the FMSP Year 10 'Maths Feast'. The Maths Feast is an enjoyable and challenging team competition designed to test mathematical knowledge, team-working and communication skills. Teams competed to solve problems in five rounds, each named after a different course. Questions ranged from short Countdown style exercises to longer problem solving challenges, finishing off with a relay. We performed well and won both the 'Main' and 'Desert' rounds.



## PARENTMAIL THIS WEEK

- Prep School
- Curriculum Summary
- Prep School
- Morning Drop Off
- Year 11
- GCSE Study Leave
- Whole School
- PA Meeting
- Whole School
- Sue Dyke retirement
- Year 7 & 8
- Trip to Legoland
- Nursery
- Sickness
- Junior Division
- Science Museum Trip
- Year 12 & 13
- Business Studies Revision Course
- Prep School
- Prep Activity Bookley
- Year 5
- PGL Kit List

# News

## Year 8 Geography Trip

Last Friday, Year 8 travelled to Seven Sisters Country Park, near Seaford, to investigate the environmental management of the park. Despite the windy conditions, students worked hard collecting data, including quadrats to investigate trampling, visitor and litter counts, environmental quality surveys, recording observations and sketches. They then enjoyed a walk down to the beach, where they ate lunch and as a reward for their hard work had an ice cream before returning to school.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Last Sunday, the boarders enjoyed an Easter afternoon tea followed by the great British tradition of an Easter egg hunt. The eggs were bought for the boarders using a generous donation given from a former pupil, Lavinia Kugaswaran. The boarders were challenged to find 53 Easter eggs hidden inside the school and around the grounds.



## Mothers' Day Tea in the Prep School

Nursery and Reception Mummies and Grandmothers enjoyed tea with their children on Thursday in the Prep Hall. The spring flowers and bunting added the finishing touches to a delightful afternoon during which the children handed out Mothers' Day cards and gifts that they had made earlier in the week. The children served the food and showed a video of them singing and sending special greetings. Happy Mothers' Day to all our Prep Mums.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Happy Easter



**Ball** tickets are still available but going fast with just a few tables left. It would be lovely to see you there so why not get a group together! Please contact us on [beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:beechwoodpa@beechwood.org.uk) with request over the holidays.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Please help! We are looking for someone to help with a little basic sewing from time to time in the uniform shop.

Please email Debbie on [beechwood-uniform@beechwood.org.uk](mailto:beechwood-uniform@beechwood.org.uk) if you can help

## Outdoor Adventure

Year 2 were lucky with the weather and enjoyed an Outdoor Adventure on Tuesday. They followed clues that led around the school grounds, ending up at the refectory for a hot chocolate and a biscuit. A scavenger hunt followed and then a picnic lunch was had in the sunshine



# Sports News and Results

## Netball

On Tuesday our U15's played Claremont, with a bit of rivalry going on as Hope was playing against her sister's team. We lost the first quarter 4-1 as we gave away the ball and didn't make the most of our shooting chances. Hope found her aim in the second quarter but it was the third quarter where we made the most of our attacking opportunities, winning the quarter 5-2. Unfortunately due to an injury to their GS meant the game had to be stopped and an ambulance called.

Our U14 team faced a tough game against Claremont and in the first quarter we kept up with our opponents and put them under pressure. However, tiredness set in early which had an impact on the game and Claremont took a strong lead up to half time. Hannah and Daniela scored but Claremont proved difficult to beat giving them a final score of 25-5. The U13/12's were not going to let the wet weather prevent them playing their last game of the season against Battle Abbey, making the decision to play in the Auditorium. Our A team started the afternoon with some excellent attacking play, securing a 2-0 lead, which we extended to 4-1 by half time. Our opponents put together some strong attacks in the third quarter to draw the scores level. It took some extremely resilient defending to enable us to edge ahead with a 6-4 advantage in the last quarter. Battle Abbey drew level again, we were determined not to settle on a draw with Macey taking us back into the lead and Zoe and Eva thwarted our opponents remaining attacks. There was great excitement and relief when the final whistle blew. Well done to all the team a positive end to the season and congratulations to Eva voted player of the match by our opponents.

Spurred on by this result our B team made an excellent start with an early goal from Edie. Millie followed shortly with her first but our opponents were hot on our heels. Martha and Margaret needed to work extremely hard in defence to keep us in touch with the game. The score at half-time was 5-4 to Battle Abbey, who continued to edge ahead and despite some valiant attempts during the last quarter we couldn't pull the game back, resulting in a victory for our opponents.

## Cross Country

On Monday 34 pupils from Years 3-8 took part in the annual cross country competition held at Somerhill. It was extremely wet, cold and windy but this did not affect any of our runners as they had experienced all types of weather in their training. Every single one gave 100% effort particularly in their sprint finishes. Numerous schools from the local area took place with over 100 runners in each race. The top runners in each of our teams were:

Celeste (26), Ashton (74), Colombe (45), Sam C (15), Freddie (20) and Bertie (40). A special mention to Cerys and Amélie who stepped in at the last minute to complete our teams and performed well in their races.

## Football

On Tuesday our U15 football team travelled to Bethany. We started well and played some fast paced passing football creating space and opportunities to score. We opened the scoring and never looked back, scoring 3 before half time and continued to develop our lead and came away with a resounding 6-1 victory. Well done to all involved.

## Hockey

On Wednesday the U13 hockey team travelled to Skippers Hill. We started well and opened the scoring through some quick play, Skippers struck back quickly. This set the tone for the game with each team playing some excellent hockey a closely fought game was won by Beechwood 5-4. Well played to all involved.

On Thursday our U9 **Tag Rugby** team travelled to Fosse Bank. We were under pressure straight away and struggled to make tags, Fosse were able to build a commanding lead early on. A 16 -11 loss could not be prevented but some important lessons were learned.

## WEEK COMMENCING 16 APRIL 2017

SUN 16	Easter Sunday
MON 17	Easter Monday
TUES 18	Staff Inset 2.00-4.00 Borders Return
WED 19	8.30 Summer Term Begins 4.00 Minibuses leave early
THUR 20	4.00 Minibuses leave early
FRI 21	4.00 Minibuses leave early
SAT 22	